



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 825

LCO No. 2836

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Referred to Committee on Public Safety and Security

Introduced by:
(PS)

AN ACT CONCERNING PAINTBALL SAFETY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) No paintball facility shall
2 allow any person under eighteen years of age to use a paintball gun at
3 such facility without (1) instruction in procedures for the safe use of
4 paintball equipment, or (2) presentation of a certificate attesting to
5 such person's completion of such instruction. Such instruction may
6 include, but need not be limited to: (A) A short video presentation of
7 proper safety equipment and procedures, (B) verbal instruction by the
8 staff of the paintball facility, or (C) a short written or oral examination
9 concerning safety measures for the participant followed by an
10 explanation of any incorrect responses. After successful completion of
11 such instruction, the paintball facility shall issue a certificate attesting
12 to such completion to the participant.

13 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) No person shall sell a
14 paintball gun in the state unless the prospective purchaser of the
15 paintball gun (1) also purchases a helmet designed to protect the
16 wearer from the possible hazards of using a paintball gun, or (2)

17 presents proof of a prior purchase of such a helmet.

18 (b) The Commissioner of Consumer Protection shall enforce the
19 provisions of this section and section 1 of this act and may adopt
20 regulations, in accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the
21 general statutes, to implement the provisions of this section and
22 section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require minors to attend a brief safety course prior to using a paintball gun at a paintball facility, and to require purchasers of a paintball gun to also purchase a protective helmet, and to give the Department of Consumer Protection enforcement and regulatory authority over paintball facilities and purchases.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]